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I. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development was held in New York from 28 February to 4 March 2011. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting held 10 meetings. Panel presentations and interactive discussions on the themes of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns were held at the 3rd to 7th meetings, from 1 to 3 March 2011. A panel presentation and interactive discussion addressing barriers and constraints facing small island developing States in the five thematic issues was held at the 2nd meeting, on 28 February 2011. A panel presentation and an interactive discussion on interlinkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation, relevant to the same themes were held at the 8th meeting, on 3 March 2011. Two multi-stakeholder dialogues, one on advancing the implementation of sustainable development in the five thematic issues, and another on the contributions of the nineteenth session of the Commission to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in 2012 (Rio+20), were held at the 9th meeting, on 4 March 2011.

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, László Borbély (Romania), who made an opening statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 28 February 2011, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of Thailand, on the outcome of the Fifth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum in Asia (see E/CN.17/2011/18), which was held in Bangkok from 23 to 25 August 2010; the representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, on the outcome of the intersessional senior expert group meeting on sustainable development of lithium resources in Latin America: emerging issues and opportunities (see E/CN.17/2011/16), which was held in Santiago on 10 and 11 November 2010; the representative of Panama, on the outcome of the high-level intersessional meeting on a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (see E/CN.17/2011/13), which was held in Panama City on 13 and 14 January 2011; the representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the outcome of the intersessional consultative meeting on solid waste management in Africa (see E/CN.17/2011/15), which was held in Rabat on 25 and 26 November 2010; and the representative of Japan, on the outcome of the meeting on building partnerships for moving towards zero waste.

5. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Marshall Islands (on behalf of the small island developing States), Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries), Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), the United States of America, Switzerland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

6. Also at the 1st meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

7. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, on behalf of the five regional commissions.

8. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the nine major groups, namely, women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry; scientific and technological community; and farmers.

B. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.17/IPM/2011/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation:
   (a) Transport;
   (b) Chemicals;
   (c) Waste management;
   (d) Mining;
   (e) A 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.
3. Adoption of the report.

10. Also at the 1st meeting, it was agreed that the candidates for the positions of Vice-Chair endorsed by the Group of African States, Abdelghani Merabet (Algeria) and the Group of Asian States, Eduardo Meñez (Philippines), as well as the endorsed candidate of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Silvano Vergara (Panama), who would continue the unexpired term of Javier Arias Iriarte (Panama), who had resigned from his position as Vice-Chair owing to urgent commitments, would act in that capacity during the Meeting until their formal election at the beginning of the nineteenth session of the Commission.

11. At the same meeting, the application for accreditation by an intergovernmental organization, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (E/CN.17/IPM/2011/L.1), to participate as an observer in the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting was approved.

C. Proceedings of the session

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 28 February, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, in the five thematic issues of (a) transport; (b) chemicals; (c) waste

management; (d) mining; and (e) a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, especially with regard to small island developing States. The panellists were Toolseeram Ramjeawon, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Mauritius; Frank Griffin, Executive Dean of the School of Natural and Physical Science at the University of Papua New Guinea; and Trevor Townsend, member of the Board of Directors of Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association and Chief Executive Officer of Trinidad Aggregate Products Limited. The Chair summarized the salient points raised during the discussion.

13. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, especially with regard to the thematic issue of transport. Following the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/4), presentations were made by the following panellists: Roberto Aguerrebere-Salido, Director-General of the Mexican Transport Institute; Henning Schwarz, Head of the Sustainable Development Unit at the International Union of Railways (Paris); and Paul Steele, Director of Aviation Environment of the International Air Transport Association. The Vice-Chair-designate, Eduardo Meñez (Philippines), summarized the salient points made during the discussion.

14. At the 4th meeting, on 1 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, especially with regard to the thematic issue of chemicals. Following the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/5), presentations were made by the following panellists: Klaus Tyrkko, Senior Technical Adviser on Chemicals at the Montreal Protocol and Chemicals Unit at the United Nations Development Programme; Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Stockholm Convention and co-Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention; and Paul Sykes, General Manager for Health, Safety, Security and Environment and Sustainable Development for Shell Chemicals. The Vice-Chair-designate, Silvano Vergara (Panama), summarized the salient points made during the discussion.

15. At the 5th meeting, on 2 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, especially with regard to the thematic issue of waste management. Following the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/6), presentations were made by the following panellists: Magnus Bengtsson, Director of the Sustainable Consumption and Production group at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan); Luis Diaz, President of CalRecovery Inc. (Concord, California); and Katharina Kummer Peiry, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention. The Vice-Chair-designate, Abdelghani Merabet (Algeria), summarized the salient points made during the discussion.

16. At the 6th meeting, on 2 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, especially with regard to the thematic issue of mining. Following the

introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/7), presentations were made by the following panellists: Gavin Hilson, Reader in Environment and Development, School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, University of Reading (United Kingdom); and Roy Maconachie, Lecturer in International Development, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath (United Kingdom). The Vice-Chair, Andrew Goledzinowski (Australia), summarized the salient points of the discussion.

17. At the 7th meeting, on 3 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options to address barriers and constraints in the implementation of sustainable development, taking into account lessons learned and best practices, especially with regard to the thematic issue of a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns. Following the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/8), presentations were made by the following panellists: Kevin Brady, founding partner and Director of Five Winds International; Joachim Spangenberg, Vice-President of the Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI); and Chee Yoke Ling, Legal Adviser to the Third World Network. The Chair summarized the salient points made during the discussion.

18. At the 8th meeting, on 3 March, the Meeting held an interactive panel discussion on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation on the interlinkages and cross-outting issues relating to the thematic cluster of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns. Following the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the theme (E/CN.17/2011/3), presentations were made by the following panellists: Adil Najam, Frederick S. Pardee Professor of Global Public Policy at Boston University; Pat Mooney, an expert on aid and development issues, as well as food, agriculture and commodity trade issues; and Jeremy Gregory, a research scientist in the Materials Systems Laboratory and the Engineering Systems Division at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Chair summarized the salient points made during the discussion.

19. At the 9th meeting, on 4 March, two multi-stakeholder dialogues were held. Dialogue 1 focused on the topic "Advancing the implementation of sustainable development on the themes of the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission". Presentations were made by Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator at the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; and Sharyle Patton, Director of the Commonweal Health and Environment Program (Bolinas, California). Dialogue 2 focused on the topic "Contributions from the nineteenth session of the Commission to Rio+20". Presentations were made by Ernst Ulrich von Weizsacker, Co-Chair of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management and a founding President of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, and Energy; and Helio Mattar, President of the Akatu Institute for Conscious Consumption (São Paulo, Brazil).

D. Attendance

20. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and the European Union,

representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental organizations and major groups also attended.

21. The list of participants in the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting will be issued as document E/CN.17/IPM/2011/INF.1.

E. Documentation

22. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: interlinkages and cross-cutting issues (E/CN.17/2011/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: transport (E/CN.17/2011/4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: chemicals (E/CN.17/2011/5);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: waste management (E/CN.17/2011/6);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: mining (E/CN.17/2011/7);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on policy options and actions for expediting progress in implementation: a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2011/8);

(g) Note by the Secretariat on priorities for action of major groups concerning transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2011/12);

(h) Report of the High-level intersessional meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development on a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2011/13);

(i) Report on the intersessional consultative meeting on solid waste management in Africa (E/CN.17/2011/15);

(j) Report on the intersessional senior expert group meeting on sustainable development of lithium resources in Latin America: emerging issues and opportunities (E/CN.17/2011/16);

(k) Letter dated 22 December 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, concerning the Fifth Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport Forum in Asia (E/CN.17/2011/18).

II. Chair's draft negotiating document

[*To be completed*]

III. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

23. At its __th meeting, on 4 March 2011, the Meeting had before it the draft report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, as contained in document E/CN.17/IPM/2011/L.1.

24. At the same meeting, the Meeting adopted the report and took note of the Chair's draft negotiating document for transmittal to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session, to be held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011.